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U.S. Naval Attache, Warsaw

Personal Observation

POLAND - 34th Anniversary of Soviet Red Army

Summary: U.S. Army, Navy and Air Attaches attended reception honoring 34th anniversary of Red Army. Westerners generally shunted to one corner. No Navy personnel observed.

1. United States MA, NA and AA attended a reception 23 February 1952 at the Soviet Embassy, given by the Soviet MA, General Kazak, on the occasion of the 34th anniversary of the founding of the Red Army.
2. Alusna initially went into the wrong room, one of about five rooms laden with food and wine for the occasion. Following another couple who received the profuse greetings of the room host, Alusna was ceremoniously snubbed. So, after a look around, recognizing no personages, another room was tried.
3. The new liaison officer, Polish General Staff, LCOL MONAT awaited here with Soviet MA. After greeting the host, Alusna was shunted into a third room, and the "Western corner". Here the U.S. and French attaches were held in conversation by Monat and his assistants and by a Soviet assistant MA, LCOL Stalnikow. British attaches did not attend due to the mourning ban. British, French and American Assistant Attaches were not invited.
4. Conversation was maintained along innocent lines, Alusna's English speaking partner carefully disagreeing with all small remarks or observations. No attempt was made to turn the occasion into a drinking bout, a sore point since the Polish Army Day reception. MONAT brought his wife over and introduced her to Alusna's wife, which others say was a departure from previous custom.
5. The reception was well attended by Soviets and Satellites, numbering in the hundreds. U.S. MA later managed to get into the room with a number of Polish high ranking officers, and to conduct small talk with General Korczye, Chief of General Staff. It was decided that more important personages were upstairs in the room Alusna had first visited, newspapers later carrying the information that Marshal Rokossovski and President Beirut had attended. There was no indication of their presence on

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Alusna's inspection.

6. No Naval officers, Russian or Polish, were observed by Alusna. U.S. AA spotted one Russian who may have been in Navy uniform. General Turkiel, Chief of Polish Air Force, was observed at a distance.

REPORTING OFFICER'S COMMENT

Occasions like this are the only ones which find Soviet and Western diplomats under the same roof. Strict formality is observed, and the "watchdogs" in this case ensured completeness of the isolation.

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